Looting of foodgrains by PWG Naxals

519. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxals looted about 1000 bags of rice, wheat and sugar from Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh on 17th June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether stock points are not guarded;

(c) if so, the reasons for not taking proper action as People's War Group issued a statement to the press about 10 days back regarding their plans to famine raids; and

(d) the policy of Government to protect Government properties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No such incident of looting of foodgrains has been reported to the Government.

(d) The Food Corporation of India has its watch and ward staff to protect the foodgrains stocks and its property.

Subsidised items issued to Sikkim under PDS

520. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of people below the poverty line (BPL) and above the poverty line in Sikkim;

(b) what is the total quantity of subsidised Rice, Wheat and Kerosene Oil issued to the State under the PDS during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, year wise;

(c) what are the rate of these items, item-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the CBI has filed chargesheet